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In re Application of)
Inventors: Michinori Suzuki et al.) Conf. No.: 8969
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For: Catalyst for Polymerization of)
Conjugated Diene and Method)
of Polymerizing Conjugated)
Diene Using the Catalyst,)
Rubber Composition for Tires,)
and Rubber Composition for)
Golf Balls)
Art Unit: 1796)
Atty Ref.: 501/44900/Case 106-PCT-US)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with Applicant's duty of candor under 37 CFR §1.56 and in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98, Applicant submits the present Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO/SB/08A. A copy of each of the foreign and non-patent references is included herewith.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the receipt of a first Office Action on the merits and constitutes a bona fide attempt to comply with 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98.

Two of the cited references are not in the English language. The article entitled "Gas Phase Polymerization of Diene - Research on Polymerization Kinetics and Molecular Weight Control" is relevant in that it discloses a method of producing olefin polymers, in which a dibutylaluminum hydride is used as a molecular weight regulator to adjust the molecular weight of the polymerization product; and attached to CN1424333 is an English abstract of same, which Applicant hereby adopts as its statement of relevance for this reference.

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Respectfully submitted,

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